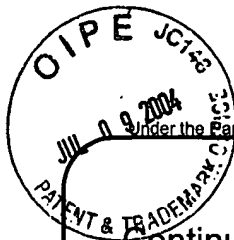


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Introductory Comments

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's participation in the telephone interview with the applicants' undersigned representative on 24 June 2004.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed 9 January 2004 (Paper No. 36). A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment. Please consider the following remarks and amendments. This response is timely filed in view of the enclosed Petition for a three-month extension of time which extends the time for response up to and including 9 July 2004.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.